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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3720**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael Knaupp et al.
Application No. : 09/940,689
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For : APPARATUS FOR GENERATING AND MANIPULATING A
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Examiner : Jason D. Prone
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
(RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116)

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.